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1. "In all the larger towns of the Estonian SSR, there are 'military instructors of the press'. They are officers of the political detail of the Soviet armed forces in the rank of captain or major. The military instructors of the press in Estonia are subordinated directly to the political administration of the Leningrad military district.
2. "The duties of a military instructor of the press are as follows:
 - a. To check that the local press obeys all rules concerning the keeping of military secrets.
 - b. To see to it that the press fulfills all the demands imposed upon the civilian press in the military interest.
 - c. To direct in the local press the propaganda and agitation in the interests of the Chief Political Administration of the Ministry for Defense.
3. "The instructions regarding propaganda and agitation, received in 1953 from the 'Department of the Press of the Administration of Agitation and Propaganda within the Chief Political Administration of the Ministry for Defense' and signed by Major-General G. Danilov, set forth the following rules:

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a. It is necessary in the military interests:

- (1) To instill in the population contempt for the armed forces of the US, UK, and other capitalist countries.
- (2) To educate the citizens to love the Soviet armed forces.
- (3) To convince the population that all phenomena of civilian life must be subjected to the interests of the country's defense.
- (4) To check that all data on the armed forces of the Soviet Union and other countries is derived from the proper official sources."

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